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### Reservoir to Store Recycled Water Planned for McLaren Park Site



Friends of McLaren Park members, led by Jo Coffey, conferred with representatives from various City agencies.

By Gerry L. Galvan

Construction of an integrated treatment, storage and distribution system of waste water at two McLaren Park sites is an issue that hinges on availability on non-availability of enough water for fire fighting, irrigation and citywide sanitation purposes. Potable water earmarked and needed in private homes, hospitals and commercial buildings will not be jeopardized.

The projected recycled water reservoirs have a 15 million gallon capacity. The potable water piped into the City from Hetch Hetchy comes close to 240 or 300 million gallons a day.

Experts and independent observers contend that an added 15 million gallons of reservoir water to what has already been tapped from existing city reservoirs could be significant.

This message was emphasized and made clear during a recent meeting of Friends of McLaren Park, with representatives from a number of City agencies and the Public Affairs project manager.

A serious plan for waste water treatment, or water recycling, for purposes other than drinking and cooking was hatched when, in October 1992, the Initial Draft of Water Recycling Master Plan was drawn and issued. Said plan came about after years of study on how to cope with disasters from widespread fires, earthquakes and long-term droughts.

The water recycling program is a joint project of the public works, fire and water departments of the City of San Francisco, with the school district and the recreation and parks department playing minor and supporting roles.

As envisioned, the program will make most efficient use of recycled water for non-drinking purposes. To implement the program, a treatment facility and three underground storage reservoirs have to be constructed. No less than 34 linear miles of pipes to distribute 10 million gallons of recycled water will be installed in the City.

A program schedule is divided into three phases: Phase I, which is expected to cost \$120 million, includes construction of a treatment facility and reservoirs serving the Richmond and Sunset districts. At the same time, it entails installation of pipes serving these two areas. Design and blueprinting will begin in 1997, with construction continuing through 2001.

Phase II includes construction and installation of the reservoir and pipes serving the southeast section of the city. A design / draft is scheduled to begin in June 2003, with construction expected to be completed in January 2007; some \$50 million is needed. Phase III includes installation of remaining AWSS pipes; design will start in June 2008, with construction continuing through 2012. *See Page 7*

### Fire Burns Garage Of Valley Home

By Gerry L. Galvan

An early Wednesday morning fire of break origin broke out in the garage of a residential home on Sawyer Street, leaving the occupant's car almost completely burned and the garage partially damaged.

The fire occurred a few minutes after seven in the morning of April 24 shortly after Marilyn Abellon, a post office worker, had pulled her Toyota sports car into her garage.

"I had just gone upstairs changing from work clothes to my comfortable house attire when I heard someone banging on my door. It was one of the firemen who had come in response to an alarm set by someone on the fire alarm switch a few yards away."

Abellon, whose two children had spent the night at their grandparents' home for babysitting, couldn't make any sense of the fire, or how and why it was started. "My car was in excellent condition when I pulled away from the post office parking lot and on pulling into my garage," she said.

No foul play theory has been propounded, although one of the firemen on the scene expressed an opinion that Abellon's car could have had a leaking gas tank or oil tube that got caught in a freak spark somewhere in the car itself, or anywhere in the garage.

Abellon, who is a single parent, expressed concern that her landlord will make her pay for the damage to the house and items belonging to said landlord. "It's tough," she lamented, "especially during this time when the post office is cutting on personnel."

### Say YES Campaign Will Ensure Summer Jobs for Youth

San Francisco has launched a pre-emptive campaign to protect summer jobs for youth from a Congressional budget ax. The campaign, Say YES, Youth Employment for the Summer, will raise money and jobs to employ 700 low income youth.

"Kids deserve a chance to learn and earn," said Mayor Willie Brown. "San Francisco will not stand by while Congress chops away opportunities for low income youth. We are asking City businesses to open their doors and wallets to kids who deserve a chance."

Say YES will provide training wheel employment for low income youth not yet equipped for private sector employment. It hopes to raise \$600,000 through a fundraising initiative organized by the Committee on Jobs, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and the Small Business Network. Gannett has donated billboard and bus shelter space, and Viacom Cable has committed to running public service announcements.

### ROSES Meeting to Focus on Police and Community Partnership

Residents of South East Sector (ROSES) will hold a regular monthly forum on Thursday, May 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Southeast Community Facility's Community Room, 1800 Oakdale Ave. at the corner of Phelps Street.

Neighbors are invited to participate in a discussion on police and community partnership for Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS).

### Valley Street Festival Returns to Leland Ave.

For the 12th year in a row, neighbors will converge for a day of fun and food as the Visitacion Valley Street Festival returns to Leland Avenue between Bayshore Boulevard and Schwerin Street on Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Entertainment will include live music performed all day by local professional and school bands, along with an array of popular amusements including pony rides, bouncers, orbitron and a merry-go-round. Various concessions are available at the festival, as will be a number of apparel, crafts and informational booths.

### Beacon Center to Open June 10

Visitacion Valley's new Beacon Center is scheduled to open at the Middle School on Monday, June 10 with grand opening festivities slated for that evening. Having been planned over the last two years, the first floor of the school at 450 Raymond Ave. was renovated to hold the many services and activities soon to be included at the site. David Wiener has been named director of the Beacon Center.

#### TOWERS DEMOLITION

Removal of asbestos continues at the now abandoned Geneva Towers as crews have encountered more of offensive materials than expected. Visitacion Valley Task Force (VVTF) members learned of additional time needed to clear the problem at their monthly meeting April 27. A project spokesperson related that contracting for

demolition of the twin highrises would probably commence early next year.

#### WHOLE NEW BALLGAME

Vernon Long, executive director of the Village, announced a special jam-boree and barbecue to be held Saturday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Visitacion Valley Playground to introduce members of all eight teams competing in the Valley's new T-Ball league for youth under 12 years. A baseball clinic will be conducted June 15, with the season beginning June 22. Long emphasized that every player on each team will be put into the games.

#### TASK FORCE MEETING

Next VVTF meeting will be Saturday, May 25, 10:30 a.m. at Visitacion Valley Community Center, 50 Raymond Ave.

### Federal Intervention Causing High Gas Cost

Why is it the best intentions of government policymakers carry a hefty price tag that hits consumers squarely in the pocketbook?

"Today's higher diesel fuel prices are a forewarning of what consumers will see at the gasoline pump this summer," said Joel D. Anderson, executive vice president for the California Trucking Association. "The Federal EPA requires diesel fuel sold in California to be reformulated to reduce emissions. Because California is the only state in the nation required to do this, retail diesel prices are as much as 53 cents higher than they are in surrounding states."

Wholesale prices of California diesel fuel are considerably higher than in surrounding states. On April 4, ARCO was charging more than 88 cents per gallon for California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved diesel in Los Angeles.

In Phoenix, where fuel does not need to meet the more stringent CARB standards, diesel was selling for 13 cents less at 70 cents per gallon.

Other brands are posting similar price differences.

In two weeks during April, the price for a gallon of California diesel fuel increased more than 35 cents. Truckers are currently paying prices rivaling those posted during the height of the Persian Gulf War.

On June 1, 1996, all California gas stations are required to sell reformulated gasoline in order to comply with federal air quality standards. Because

California is the only state in the nation required to do this, motorists can expect the same wild price increases for gasoline that truckers have experienced with diesel.

"The Federal Environmental Protection Agency has singled out California in their quest for cleaner air at all costs," said Anderson. "As a result, California fuel costs more and, because supply is low and oil marketers are prohibited from bringing non-reformulated fuel into California from surrounding states, we're much more susceptible to price spiking."

"The Clinton Administration, in particular Vice President Al Gore, seems intent on penalizing California for the fact our geography dictates we drive cars rather than use alternative modes of transportation," he added. "If they want clean air at an affordable cost, then require this reformulated fuel everywhere, not just in California."

Not only does the higher price hit consumers when they gas up at the filling station, they can look forward to paying more for anything that is transported by truck in the state.

In addition, school districts, police and fire departments and other government agencies have had to absorb unplanned fuel costs approximately 47 percent above budgeted amounts. Absorbing these added costs necessitates shifting money that would normally go to educating children, protecting the public or carrying out important government functions just to cover those increased fuel costs.

### Geneva Development Corporation Looking to Name Executive Director



Professor Allan David Heskin (center, background) presided over a recent board of directors orientation meeting.

By Gerry L. Galvan

The Geneva Valley Development Corporation (GVDC) which has put together a 17-member board has yet to appoint a permanent and full time executive director.

During an emergency board meeting on April 18 at the 333 Schwerin St. headquarters of the Village, 14 members and one proxy elected a president, vice president, treasurer and secretary of the board, but didn't pursue the issue of appointing an executive director, as it didn't go beyond groundwork-laying.

Vernon Long, who brainchilded and has steered the Village for quite some time, is a force in the neighborhood and has been mentioned as a strong contender for the job.

During the board meeting, the name of Dennis Hicks came up as a possible choice. It appears, however, that Melinda Hicks, who is Dennis's sister, has been keenly but silently interested in the position.

One board member who requested anonymity for the moment has expressed preference for Long for reason of his years of involvement in the neighborhood. This board member said Long has proven himself to be capable, hard-working and trustworthy.

"I don't have anything against Melinda Hicks personally," the board member said, "but I believe her talents must be spent where she has been assigned now."

The GVDC board of directors are: Dolores Geddies, Linda Burch, Rosie Cuadra, Jumokey Hinton, Mataava T. Vae, Gerry L. Galvan, John King, Julie Kavanagh, Dennis Hicks, Brenda Durr, Brenda Lopez, Brian Sheppard, Vincent Chao, L.P. Lewis, Vernon Long, Judith Sandoval and Joel Tate.

Elected officers to the board were: L.P. Lewis, president; Brian Lopez and Brenda Durr, vice presidents; Judith Sandoval and Jumokey Hinton, treasurers; and Gerry L. Galvan, secretary.

An incorporated board met officially for the first time on April 6. An orientation meeting where Prof. Allan David Heskin was resource speaker was held on March 16.

Originally scheduled for March 30, the first official board meeting was not held for reasons beyond control, which resulted in changing the original every last Saturday of the month meeting to sessions every first Saturday of the month.

Knowledgeable quarters have expressed optimism that by May 4 when the GVDC board meets officially, a permanent and full time executive director will have been appointed.

GVDC by-laws and articles of incorporation have been approved and presented to all and sundry. It's a 13-page document carrying all the essentials of a truly and legal binding by-laws of incorporation.

### Brush Chipping Program to Open in May

Landscapers and home gardeners now have a free place to recycle woody prunings, branches and hedge clippings. San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG), in cooperation with the San Francisco Recycling Program, has created the brush chipping and composting site at the Saint Mary's Urban Youth Farm to help gardeners and the environment.

Located on Alemany Boulevard just west of Ellsworth Street, its grand opening is Saturday, May 4, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., featuring an open house and a free mulching workshop. Residents can also buy a bag of tough mulch when they bring in their branches.

"The site saves me and my clients money, and it's also helping the community by providing jobs," said Ernesto Viscara, a professional landscaper.

"I've been waiting for a program like this for years," said Josie Clinton,

home gardener. "It's great to have a place to take branches. And the mulch works like magic."

Prior to the new facility, landscape and home gardeners had few alternatives to disposing excess yard and garden trimmings in the waste stream.

### Forum Will Continue Discussion of Norcal Tunnel Ave. Facility

Discussion of Norcal's Solid Waste Transfer and Recycling Facility operations at Tunnel Avenue will continue May 9 at 6:15 p.m. as the Southeast Communities / Norcal / City Agencies Forum holds its third meeting at 250 Executive Park Blvd., Suite 4800.

Norcal has initiated a public information line at 330-2907 to update current and future operations at the complex. Emergencies, however, should still be reported to 911.

### Planning for a Celebration



Members of St. James Presbyterian met to finalize plans prior to April 28 festivities to commemorate the church's 90th anniversary. From left, clockwise, are: Elder Gene Arao, the Rev. Dr. Jerry O. Resus, Elder George Siebel, Esther Siebel, Bernice Bidwell, Ruth Arvenites, Cely Resus and Violette Gelven.

Say YES in Putting Youth to Work

By Mayor Willie Brown  
I learned my first lessons about working with others as a 12-year-old shoe shineboy in my home town of Mineola, Texas. I learned the value of earning money by working hard. I learned the raw mechanics of business, how to carry myself in a professional manner and how to be persuasive — after all, part of my income came from tips!

As a teen, I moved to the Bay Area to attend college. Although my segregated primary education failed to prepare me for higher learning, those formative early employment experiences did. I understood achievement and after meeting the right mentor, went on to succeed at San Francisco State and Hastings School of Law.

I had other summer and year-round jobs along the way. And though many doors were closed to educated young black men during the 50s and 60s, as my education advanced, the opportunities expanded. I carried away important life lessons from each new employment opportunity.

Jobs are a key part of any kid's education, but are especially important for low-income youth who often lack the professional links into full time, professional employment. Often these youths come from single-family homes, which full or in part rely on public assistance. These youths are expected to contribute to the family income.

Each year the City of San Francisco receives approximately \$3.3 million from the federal government to implement the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (SYETP). This program provides jobs for more than 2,800 youth in San Francisco. SYETP targets youth ages 14-21 from low-income families. Many of these young people do not have role models who work. Many also lack the experience and skills necessary to get a job on their own.

Through SYETP, these youth gain experience that gives them the structure and support they need in order to succeed at their first employment experience. Local community-based organizations and the San Francisco Unified School District recruit and

place these kids in nonprofit organizations and public sector agencies throughout the City to perform such entry-level jobs such as clerical assistants and library aides.

One example is 17-year-old Asanti from Bayview Hunters Point. A senior at Burton High School, Asanti currently works part-time at the Young Community Developers, a program that serves youth in her neighborhood. Asanti has worked as a child care assistant and teacher's aide, assisting with the care of children with disabilities. Through her experience, she has gained a new appreciation of her own skills and is contributing to her neighborhood at the same time.

Unfortunately, future experiences for youth like Asanti are in danger. Congress has slashed funding for the SYETP program by more than 25 percent, resulting in a loss of 700 job opportunities for low-income youth.

Therefore, it's time for San Francisco to step up to the plate.

Working with Supervisor Michael Yaki and local business leaders, I have launched Say YES (Youth Employment for the Summer), a campaign to raise money and jobs to save the summer youth employment program.

Our goal is to raise \$600,000 in money and jobs to employ 700 youth. We need to raise the money by the close of the school year in mid-June. So far, area businesses have stepped up to the plate. These include: Charles Schwab & Company, the Small Business Network, Just Desserts, Nestle, Gannett and the San Francisco Giants and 49ers, to name a few.

You can join the campaign by contributing to Say YES or by offering employment for a young person. By contributing, you will be providing many youths with their first experience in the world of work. Like the tips I earned shining shoes, the tips these kids learn will never be wasted, because they come in the form of life-enriching employment experience.

Contribute to the Say YES campaign by calling 415/861-JOBS (5627) or mail checks to the Say YES, c/o the Private Industry Council, 745 Franklin Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, Calif. 94102-3117.

An Opinion:  
Mayor's Vision for  
New City Hall Too  
Costly to Consider?

By Gerry L. Galvan  
Democratic party liberal and wasteful spending has been again let loose in San Francisco. This time, it is concentrated at the top. Just like a toy top, it has been spinning at a dizzying velocity of no beneficial consequence but destruction followed by an ugly fall. (Webster's Dictionary describes a top as "a toy that spins on a point.")

Liberalism and wasteful spending was not so marked during George Moscone's short-lived mayoral term. When Dianne Feinstein inherited the mayors' job on the assassination of Moscone, minor changes on fiscal policy were instituted here and there. Perhaps Dick Blum had some influence on his wife's job performance.

What little respite from the Democratic Party's propensity to spend the people's money during the Feinstein administration was wiped out during Art Agnos' four-year term. Agnos was as liberal and people's money spendthrift as George Moscone.

The pendulum swung back to fiscal sanity when Frank Jordan started calling the shots. Such an atmosphere didn't last long when the one-time police chief lost his bid for mayoral reelection to Willie Lewis Brown, the guy who wants City Hall to be used solely by its mayor and the Board of Supervisors. Millions upon millions of dollars, to report Willie Lewis Brown's own sentiments, will be spent in a renovation and remodeling which had been, for decades, used appropriately not only for mayoral and supervisors' offices, but also other key City government agencies.

One wonders what Willie Lewis Brown, who keeps his official and personal agenda to himself until the last minute, will do next. As far as I can

fathom the mind of a Democratic Party liberal, I am sure Mr. Brown, who has repeatedly boasted that he doesn't make private and official mistakes, has many a thing up his sleeve. The public has become aware of his boast that he will resort to his well-rehearsed style of political and power play to stay in power.

Woe to the City of San Francisco. Woe to its citizens who voted for fiscal restraint and limited government only to lose to a sheer force of numbers. And woe to the conservative who works hard to be self-reliant, yet becomes witness to multitudes who have been made to believe that government and not God is the source of one's living and comfort.

San Franciscans should know by now that, in all probability, the City will content itself with a government that is administered in style sans substance and fair play.

Lock Your Doors!

A Visitacion Valley burglar is on the loose. She's basically a con person whose primary *modus operandi* is dishing out the worn-out line: "I'm your neighbor. I need to borrow 10 dollars from you. I need it to buy medication for my daughter who's very sick."

This con woman has victimized many unsuspecting, generous persons, true to their faith and pure benevolence. Other Valley residents who know of her ongoing leeching activity just tell her to "beat it."

This woman is believed to have had something to do with a burglary at Saint James Presbyterian a few months ago when the pastor's wife witnessed her behaving peculiarly at the Leland Avenue church one Sunday prior to the intrusion.

By sheer luck, the intruder talked herself out of being reported to police at the crime scene. She had obviously gained entry by sneaking into its garage after a resident left in his car.

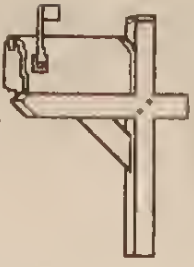
After being escorted from the house by the homeowner, it was discovered the woman had entered two bedrooms, ransacking drawers and other containers holding valuables.

Luckily, the homeowner was gone only 15 minutes, returning home before the burglar could do much damage. Other than a set of gate and front door keys, nothing valuable has been found missing.

Police were cooperative in responding to a *much too late* call for help.

-Gerry L. Galvan

THE  
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MAILBOX



Tunnel Avenue Complex  
Should Be Relocated

To the Editor:

The City and County of San Francisco should relocate the operations of the Norcal / Sanitary Fill Company facilities at the Tunnel/Beatty Complex. The garbage/trash, recycling and hazardous waste facilities should be relocated to the M-2 Heavy Industrial District of the Central Basin. The adverse environmental effects of these operations are public nuisances to the residents, business owners and members of the church.

Write or phone:

\*Senator Quentin L. Kopp, 363 El Camino Real, So. San Francisco, CA 94080, (415) 557-2253.

\*Assemblyman John Burton, 601 Van Ness Ave., Suite 2030, San Francisco, CA 94102, (415) 557-2253.

\*Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, 450 Golden Gate Ave., 14th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102, (415) 556-4862.

\*Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr., 401 Van Ness Ave., Rm. 336, San Francisco, CA 94102, (415) 554-7111.

\*Board of Supervisors, 401 Van Ness Ave., Rm. 308, San Francisco, CA 94102, (415) 554-5184; Angela

Schools Need Volunteers

How do children learn to write? What is middle school math all about?

If you are concerned about public education in the City and want to get involved, join San Francisco School Volunteers in a workshop for volunteers currently being recruited on Saturday, June 1 at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St. from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Topics will include: math skills for middle school students; book-making; elementary school students and the writing process; science games; and orientation to volunteering in the schools. Call 274-0250 for more information or to reserve a place.

Alkoto, Rm. 317, 554-7788 (Fax 554-5163); Tom Ammielo, Rm. 310, 554-5141 (Fax 554-5163); Sue Blerman, Rm. 311, 554-6661 (Fax 554-6665); Tom Hsieh, Rm. 320, 554-5015 (Fax 554-7765); Barbara Kaufman, Rm. 328, 554-4880 (Fax 554-4885); Willie B. Kennedy, Rm. 326, 554-5734 (Fax 554-5734); Susan Leal, Rm. 321, 554-6644 (Fax 554-5163); Kevin F. Shelley, Rm. 319, 554-4005 (Fax 554-7350); Mabel Teng, Rm. 309, 554-4987 (Fax 554-5163); Michael Yaki, 554-7901 (Fax 554-5163).

Public health questions or complaints:

\*Bud Kitano, Department of Public Health, 1380 Howard St., 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103, 255-3620

Noise:

\*S.F. Bureau of Environmentel Health, 753-8117.

Odors or dust:

\*Bay Area Quality Management Dis-

trict, 939 Ellis St., San Francisco, CA 94109, (800) 334-ODOR

\*Department of Public Works Building Inspection, 1860 Mission St., 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103; Supervisor Andrew Greene, 558-6116; Joseph Mabeltini, 558-6116.

Solid waste (garbage / trash), hazardous waste and recycle facilities and operations are regulated by the state. Complaints and information should be sent to them because there is no other way for the Board to know if the community is having problems from a facility. Write or phone: California Integrated Waste Management Board, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826, Fax (916) 255-2226. Secretary: Beth Regula, (916) 255-2156. Address mail at above address to individual Board members: Robert C. Frazee, Wesley Chesbro, Janet Gotch, Daniel G. Pennington and Paul Reils.



RECYCLING FACTS

- San Franciscans generate more than 700,000,000 pounds of paper waste every year
- More than 400,000,000 pounds of paper waste ends up in the landfill instead of being recycled
- For every ton of paper recycled back into paper, we:
  - save 17 - 23 trees
  - save 4,100 kilowatt hours of energy
  - save 7,000 gallons of water
  - save 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space
  - keep 60 pounds of pollutants out of the atmosphere
  - create more jobs
- If we double the volume of paper recycled in San Francisco every year (from 150,000 tons), we'd:
  - save more than 3 million trees a year
  - save half a million cubic yards of landfill space
  - save more than one billion gallons of water
  - keep more than 9 million pounds of pollutants out of the air
- Almost all kinds of paper can be recycled through curbside and apartment recycling collection in San Francisco



You can make a difference.  
Recycle your paper.

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For more information about recycling call the Recycling Hotline at 554-6193

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## PECULIAR DOINGS



While waiting for Top Ten Dave to get to town:

"A study out of Philly says men lose brain tissue almost three times faster than women, making them groucher. So the next time you hear someone say, 'I'm losing my mind ...'"

"Speaking of senseless, dozens of Argentine youths caused quite a commotion in downtown Buenos Aires recently when they couldn't get tickets for a Ramones concert. Bad, bad brain."

"In other health news, the seniors in the U.S. have been found the healthiest, according to a recent report in a medical journal. Maybe it's the pretzels."

"Over in China, Beijing named a 374-pound woman the fatest in the city. Maybe it's more than the pretzels."

"And after all that scary talk about popcorn a few years back, a bill was signed by the president declaring it an important food that is a valuable part of the human diet. Orville would have been proud."

"Michael and Ashley are the most popular names for children in New York City, where the health department also noted the name John being bumped from their top ten list by Bran-

don. Might be some time before Brendon is bumped off the John."

"Speaking of little kids, two young sons of a guy up in Spokane, Washington got their savings accounts cleaned out by the state because their father owed \$1,800 in taxes. State officials later returned the hefty \$88 when his ex-wife claimed she wasn't responsible for his debt. Might try piggy banks for a while."

"Speaking of olivers, officials in Santa Cruz County want to declare war on the teral pigs that caused more than \$180,000 in damage to crops and gardens last year. Probably not a Porky or Arnold in the bunch."

"Uptight motorists in Paris who had been given a break on parking restrictions in December during a transportation strike have been getting their fill of tickets in recent months. French fried."

"Back home, California DMV reports the state lost more than a million licensed drivers last year. Could have fooled me."

"Probably not as bad, though, as the thousands of motorists in New Mexico who had incorrect license numbers due to a DMV error. If Broderick Crawford were still around, he'd grumble, 'Roadblock!'"

"Finally, there are priests in Colombia who have been blessing people's cars for decades to keep them running right. You can trust your car to the man who wears the ... cloth?"

## State Bar Holds Open Forums on Kids and Law

How do America's laws and legal issues impact kids? An audience of parents, teachers and children will sit down at their computers on Law Day, May 1, and step into a virtual reality auditorium to ask the experts.

A townhall-style chat entitled *Kids*

## Youth Arts Festival

Celebrating the creativity and diversity of San Francisco students, the tenth annual *San Francisco Youth Arts Festival* will take place at the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum, the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco and the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park on Wednesday, May 8 through Sunday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. An event free to the public, the festival will feature artwork provided by the City's schools, museums and libraries, and recreation, community and cultural centers.

Since 1987, the *Youth Arts Festival* has been a major annual public event in San Francisco, joining private, parochial and public school students, youth group organizations, community and cultural centers through the universal language of art.

## Coffman Pool Will Be Open This Summer

Closed since April 15 for its annual cleaning, Coffman Pool at Visitacion Avenue and Hahn Street will reopen May 13 and stay open through the summer for the first time in two years.

Bart Ribotte, senior swim instructor at the pool, invites all swimmers to call 337-4702 for more information on summer lessons and programs, including those running through the end of June which require pre-registration.

A *Learn to Swim* summer program will commence in July.

### COFFMAN POOL

Schedule is subject to change. Pool is closed the second and fourth Fridays of each month from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

\*Monday: 9:15-11:30 a.m. lap swim and schools (shared pool); 12:30-2 p.m. lap swim.

\*Tuesday: 9-11 a.m. lap swim and schools (shared pool); 12:30-2:30 p.m. lap swim; 2:45-4 p.m. recreation swim; 4-5 p.m. lap swim.

\*Wednesday: 9-11 a.m. lap swim and schools (shared pool); 12:30-2:30 p.m. lap swim; 2:45-4 p.m. recreation swim; 4-5 p.m. lap swim.

\*Thursday: 9-11 a.m. lap swim and schools (shared pool); 12:30-2:30 p.m. lap swim; 2:45-4 p.m. recreation swim; 4-5 p.m. lap swim.

\*Friday: 9:15-10:15 a.m. senior swim; 10:45 a.m.-12 noon lap swim; 12:30-2 p.m. lap swim; 2:30-4 p.m. recreation swim; 4-6:30 p.m. lap swim; 6-7 p.m. recreation swim.

\*Saturday: 9:15-10:45 a.m. lap swim; 11 a.m.-12 noon adult lessons; 1:30-2:45 p.m. recreation swim; 3:15-3:45 p.m. beginner child lessons; 3:45-4:15 p.m. advanced child lessons; 4:30-5:30 p.m. lap swim.

Admission fees to the pool are: adults (18 years and older) \$3; family rate (2 adults and 2 children) \$5; and children (17 years and under) 50 cents. Swimming lessons are \$1 plus regular admission fee.

Scrap tickets are: 12 adult swims for \$28; 6 adult swims for \$12.25; 15 senior (65 and older) swims for \$15; and \$15 economic need swims for \$15.

## City Publishes Book On Housecleaning

In a departure from the usual municipal chores, the City of San Francisco has published a book on housecleaning.

*Clean It! Housecleaning Methods That Really Work!* will be distributed free to residents as part of the City's campaign to prevent water pollution and improper disposal of potentially hazardous products in the garbage.

"We know that traditional brochures do not get the job done when it comes to changing consumer behavior," said Paula Kehoe, program coordinator for the San Francisco Water Pollution Prevention Program. "That's why we designed a book that people will keep and continue to use. Although there are other less toxic cleaning books on the market, we suspect few people are going to read through a 100-page book to learn how to safely clean their house."

The City's version is 30 pages and organized into easy-to-use categories for cleaning floors, windows, ovens and so on. The book also points out the primary key to easy, safer housecleaning is prevention: prevent build-up of dirt and housecleaning will be easier no matter what you use.

Safer cleaning products and methods were tested for effectiveness and researched through a professional low-toxic housecleaner and *Consumer Reports*. Recommended safer products include a baking soda paste and an all-purpose cleaner, vinegar for washing windows, vegetable-based liquid soaps, and lemons for cutting grease. The book is compact - so it can be taken to the grocery store or stored in a kitchen drawer for handy use.

William Lee, San Francisco's chief administrative officer, discussed the issues that brought about publication of the book. "Everyday, San Francisco residents buy and use potentially haz-

ardous products to clean their homes, repair their cars and garden. These chemicals can not only have potentially harmful effects on personal health, but may also pollute our environment.

"That's why many of the safer products in this book are all-around good. Not only does toothpaste polish silver as well as any commercial polish, it's safer for the environment and you don't have to worry if your kids eat it."

Proper disposal is another primary concern of the campaign. According to Maria Trapalis-Baird, coordinator for the Hazardous Waste Management Program, "We want to help residents understand that some potentially hazardous products should not be thrown in the garbage - both for the protection

of the garbage collector and to prevent toxics from seeping into our groundwater at the landfill. The *Clean It!* book includes a section on proper disposal that gives specifics about what can and can't go in the garbage or down the drain."

The *Clean It!* book is the third in a series of how-to guides published by the City that provide useful information to consumers along with pollution prevention tips and proper disposal methods. Other books are: *Fix It: A Quick Guide to Car Repair for the Do-it-Yourselfer*, and *Grow It: The Less-Toxic Garden Control Pests & Plant Disease Without Pesticides*. San Francisco residents can call 695-7375 for a free copy of any of the publications.



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Carolene Marks, wife of State Senator Milton Marks, provided Valley Task Force members with ways to lobby for funding at a recent VVTF meeting. Seen here with *Grapevine* Editor Len Appiano, she is a candidate this fall for the S.F. Board of Supervisors.



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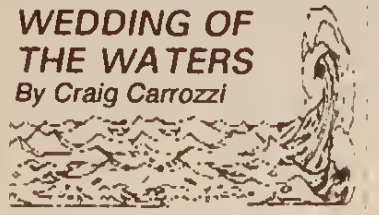
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WEDDING OF THE WATERS  
By Craig Carozzi

Craig continues on his Amazon River boat trip to Manaus, Brazil.

BOAT LIFE (PART 3)

I reclined against a short stack of lumber and stretched my legs. Sun rays filtered through a light mist, a breeze cooling my brow. With drooping eyelids I watched the river slip past. Soon an enormous island appeared dead in our path. I became alert. The ship veered and we skirted close to one of the island's flanks. Narrow strips of beach gave way to lush forest. The cries of birds and other creatures rang clear. I could distinguish individual ferns and trees with grotesque spiraling shapes. A band of monkeys frolicked among the branches on the fringe of the trees. They emitted strange and piercing calls as the boat chugged by them. Perhaps the ship annoys them, I thought. It must be as mysterious to them as their jungle is to me. I gazed at the curtain of vegetation. The island passed interminably, like a green unbroken freight train. Before I saw it end, Fernando came around the corner of the lumber stack.

"What happened to your nap?" I called to him.

He frowned and shook his head. He climbed up to join me before answering. "Carajo!" he exclaimed. "That engine noise made it impossible for me to sleep ... It's like some screaming banshee."

I chuckled.

"What's so funny?"

"The way you described the engine noise. I like that."

"It's terrible. I don't understand how the sailors can take it all the time."

"They probably go slowly deaf. That's how they get used to it."

"Well, I don't want to get used to it."

"No. Me either ... So tell me, how is it that you're on this boat in the middle of nowhere?"

Fernando burst into laughter.

"What? ... Do you want a little story or a simple confession of woe?"

"A simple story would be fine."

"All right, then." Fernando paused, a grin tugged at the corner of his mouth.

"Let's see ... as you already know, I was born and raised in Lima. I suppose you could say that I'm more or less a product of a middle class environment. My father is a retired army officer and my mother is a housewife ... Anyway, I was attending the university - I'm 21 years old by the way - when I realized how routine and boring life seemed. Every day, every month, every year began to merge and blur in my mind. Go to school, work, study, the usual routine of parties, friends, the family, and then more of the same. You know, an endless cycle. The same program ..."

"Uh huh. And?"

"Well, I felt disconnected and restless. Everything bored me. I needed to break out of the mold ... I thought and thought. What is it that I want to do? What is it that I need to do? Finally it came to me ... I decided to set everything aside, let myself go, and embark on an ambitious journey."

"As you have. You're a long way from home."

"Yes, but there's more. I propose to continue my journey until I reach Paris, France."

"Paris?"

"Yes. And I plan to do it insofar as possible by water. Flying would be too easy. And too expensive."

"That's fine, by boat. Do you have enough money?"

Fernando chuckled. "I don't know how much enough money would be ... Right now I have a little over \$500 cruzeros."

"What? That's nothing, man!"

"I know that this is very little money - but I don't expect money to be a problem."

"How's that?"

"Well, it's like this. I've always been a very lucky person ... And besides, before leaving Peru, I managed to secure a work permit for Brazil. I'm sure I'll be able to gain some kind of employment when the necessity arises. And as long as I'm on this boat I certainly don't need any more money."

"That's true, but a little more money would help. Trying to make it to France on the equivalent of \$15 dollars will be a good story." I shook my head. "You're a fool or a magician. I don't know which ... But I like your attitude. I hope you succeed."

Fernando laughed. "It's not as difficult as it would seem."

"Yeah? So, what's your plan? Do you have a plan?"

"Of course. Look, I used to work in the French Embassy in Lima. I speak French well. Believe me, I had plenty of practice because none of those Frenchies ever wanted to speak Spanish ..."

"I can imagine," I said, thinking of my mom's parents. "But that was good for you to learn French better."

"Yes ... Now, when we arrive in Manaus, I have some Peruvian friends who are already working there. They can help me find a place to stay and some work. I'll earn some money and look around. Then I'll get a berth on a boat that will take me to Belém. From there I go to French Guiana, where, with my knowledge of French and a letter of recommendation from the embassy, I should be able to gain employment. And eventually, a ship that will take me to Europe ... Simple, no? Voilà!"

I laughed. "Seems easy, the way you describe it ... But would it bother you if I put some doubt in your nice, easy plan?"

"Go ahead."

"All right, you know there are many dangers and a lot of insecurity involved. Why should everything go smoothly and happen just right for you?"

Fernando started to protest.

"One moment," I said. "What if you can't locate your friends in Manaus? What if they have problems of their own and can't help you? ... What will you do then? Why should things necessarily go well?"

Fernando chuckled. "Why shouldn't things go well? As I told you, I'm a very lucky person."

"Yes, but luck can change in a moment. You could end up on the street begging handouts."

"That's true. But if that's the worst thing that happens to me, it isn't so bad ... And anyway, who are you to lecture me on the insecurity of my trip? What about you?"

"Well, uh, if necessary, if I get into bad trouble, I can ask for help from the organization I work for. Of course I wouldn't like to do that but ... It seems to me you don't have any backing at all, man. You better think about that."

Fernando looked thoughtfully out over the river and murmured, "I have thought about it." After a long moment he turned to me and said: "You know, youth is something that passes very quickly. I want to catch it now and savor it. When I made the decision to embark on this journey, I felt the time was right to do something I had thought about for a long time - if not, the time might never be right. The opportunity would pass me by ... That, and it's time for me to leave my comfortable nest. I want to go out and face the world without the help of my family and friends ... Call it a test of manhood, call it whatever you want. I feel the need to do this thing. I like the adventure and the challenge. And as for the insecurity ... well, there is insecurity every moment of one's life in one way or another." Fernando shrugged his shoulders and smiled. "And besides, I've come quite a distance already. I think returning to Lima right now would be almost as difficult as continuing on to France. You understand me?"

I nodded. Yes, I thought, I understand you too well.

"Listen to what's already happened to me on this trip and you will better understand my confidence," said Fernando. "When I left Lima and headed for the Amazonas via the Rio Marañon, I had a fair amount of money. Then, due to some unfortunate circumstances and my own carelessness, my savings were quickly dissipated ..."

"Carelessness?"

"Well, I met some congenial people in this great town and I was having a good time ... Before I could tear myself away, I spent most of my money."

"Sounds good. Tell me the details."

Fernando hung his head. "I'm embarrassed by what happened. I lost my head."

"All right. I think I get you. That almost happened to me in Leticia ... So what then?"

"So, luck was with me, one of my chance companions, who helped me spend my money, paid me back by finding me a job. Within a week, I earned enough coins for passage to Benjamin Constant. On arriving here, virtually broke, good fortune was with me again. I was befriended by two Peruvians and a Colombian. They gave me a place to hang my hammock and helped me to locate work."

"What kind of work did you do?"

"I had two jobs. I worked on the docks as a cargo loader and as a doorman at a discotheque."

"How was the work?"

"Ah, so so. Loading the boats wasn't too bad - except for the low pay ... But I didn't much like the job at the discotheque."

"Why?"

"You know, the usual kind of prob-

lems. Drunks trying to mess around with you. People trying to sneak in. I almost had to fight several times and I wasn't getting enough money to risk my neck. Between my two jobs, I made enough money to pay the passage on this boat. I tried to talk the captain into letting me work my way to Manaus, but he would have none of that ... So here I am, my passage paid but with small savings in my pocket."

"Well, you've certainly come a long way already," I said. "You've almost convinced me that you're going to make it."

"I will make it. I just don't know how many months before I reach Paris."

I laughed. "Go for it ... What do you plan on doing when you reach Paris?"

"Paris will be my base; I have friends there. Primarily, I want to travel around Europe and become acquainted with the way of life."

"Uh huh."

"And later, after I satisfy my wanderlust, if possible, I hope to enter the university in Paris and study law. I believe that living and studying there would give me a better insight into the culture than merely travelling from place to place. Don't you think so?"

"Of course. If you maintain an open mind ... You have some ambitious plans, man."

"Yes, I want to move forward. I don't want to waste my life."

"I see."

Fernando peered at me. "And you?" he asked. "What made you leave a paradise like the United States to live in Colombia?"

"Paradise?" I gave a rueful laugh.

Fernando ignored it. "Did you do it for your career?"

"No, not really. I've been interested in South America for a long time. If I hadn't joined Peace Corps, I would have figured out some other way to get here ... I wanted to travel, experience other cultures, learn other languages and maybe help a few people along the way."

"That's odd?" Fernando eyed me skeptically.

"That's enough for now." I laughed. "Maybe later I'll find better reasons to be here."

"What is the main purpose of this organization you work for? This Peace Corps?"

"Officially? ... Or what I think?"

"Both."

"Well, according to Peace Corps, we're in Colombia to assist in the development of an emerging industrial nation - or something like that. And, more importantly, to raise the consciousness of the people."

"What do you mean by raise the consciousness?"

"Well, the way I have it figured ..."

"Yes."

"I suppose we're there to show Colombians that North Americans don't eat babies for breakfast. Then later, I go back to the United States and tell gringos that Colombians aren't savage Indians living in the jungle and chewing cocoa leaves all day. Understand?"

"Not really." Fernando giggled.

"That is absurd."

"Sure, it's absurd to you because you know better. Obviously it's no exaggeration. But you'd be amazed by some of the conceptions that people have ... Or I should say the misconceptions. It's incredible."

"Fine, but what are you supposed to do about that?"

"All right, for example, you go to the university in Lima."

"Yes."

"Among the people you know, what percentage of them think that Peace Corps is a front for the CIA, or that almost all North Americans come to South America only to exploit its people and resources?"

"There are many who think that way."

"Exactly. Many people in Colombia feel the same way. I'm supposed to show them something else. I'm supposed to show them that North Americans are good people - not cucas (boogie men) ... Now, in the United States, the majority of people, when and if they think of Colombia at all, they think of drugs, violence, political instability, Third World country ... The best thing that associate with Colombia are coffee and emeralds. They know little of the cultural diversity and natural beauties or any of the other fine things I've experienced there. It's my job to inform as many people as possible - after I inform myself. So, more than anything, my job is public relations. Something like a goodwill ambassador. A dispeller of stereotypes."

"That's fine," said Fernando. "But does this program have any real value for development?"

"I can't speak for the program in general. What is valuable? What is useless? Development is a tricky business."

"Then, are you doing anything worthwhile?"

"For me, the experience itself is

worthwhile. It's beautiful. But for others it can be a nightmare."

"But are you doing anything concrete to improve the standard of living there?"

I looked at Fernando's earnest expression and was unable to repress a chuckle.

"Why are you laughing?"

"Because you talk like many people in the United States."

"Why?"

"It's like, go on down there and show those poor people how to live better ... Making the assumption that we know how to live better. I don't think anyone can make that assumption."

"But I'm talking about change for the better. Technical advancement and modernization."

"All right, I can't answer your question. I don't know if I'm doing any good. I don't even know if I want to change anything. The only thing I can tell you for certain is that I'm learning much from the Colombians and I hope that they learn something from me."

"That's fine," said Fernando, impatience creeping into his voice. "But what exactly are you doing?"

"That's what I'm trying to tell you, man - I don't exactly know! There are no specific guides to measure my work."

"But ... but ..."

"Look, men, this is how I look at my job. I'm supposed to help reform a bunch of unwanted street kids who have been dumped in a prison in a small town by giving them an organized recreation program. That's fine; nothing wrong with recreation. But here's the thing that kills me ... I'm supposed to counsel the guys to be good little boys and follow the norms of society; then the majority of them get out of prison and have to return to the street because they have nowhere else to go ... Well, it's tough to be a good little boy and survive on the streets. It's tough to be a good little

boy and survive in the prison. It's tough to be a bad little boy and survive in those places. So, I think, is there a real choice for them? Is it a matter of right or wrong, or a matter of survival? Is what I'm supposed to be telling them worth a damn thing? The contradictions were driving me crazy."

"You can't worry about those things," said Fernando. "You do your job."

"If you know what your job is?"

"So what did you do?"

"I became more pragmatic. I accepted my limitations and did what I could. For the most part, I simply tried to entertain the kids and make their stay in the prison less unpleasant with movies, and games, and sports, and conversation, and whatever else I can think of. As for reforming them ... well, I tell them to know the consequences of their actions and be ready to accept them. That's all. So you see, it's not the kind of job where you see the results of your work very often. Doubt and frustration are normal."

"I don't understand you," said Fernando, frowning. "If it's like that - why don't you go back to your own country?"

"For what? I'm enjoying my time in Colombia. I can't see that I'd be living any better in the United States than I am in Colombia right now ... I've worked with juvenile delinquents in the United States and it's equally frustrating. Maybe more so. It's the nature of this particular kind of work; I don't think the country has much to do with it."

Fernando, still puzzled, wrinkled his forehead. "Yes, but ... isn't it true that even the poorest people in your country have cars and good clothes, and many other things that are beyond the reach of most people in my country? Don't tell me you can't make more money there in your profession."

"Ah, now I understand what you're talking about ... Look, man, it's not as easy there as you seem to think. You

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**FORT FUNSTON**  
\*Hike the Comeback Trail: Hike three miles on remnant dune habitat, 10 a.m. May 5 (239-2366).  
\*Sunset Chats: Relaxing stroll at Fort Funston, 4 p.m. May 25 (239-2366).  
\*Super Swallows: Learn about bank swallows on 1.5 mile hike, 10 a.m. May 18 (239-2366).  
\*Who Wee Fearless Freddie?: Learn about Fort Funston during its army days, 11 a.m. May 4 (556-8642).  
\*Wildflowers of Fort Funston: Stroll through beautiful arrays of wildflowers, 10 a.m. May 19 (239-2366).  
**FORT POINT**  
\*Picture This!: Photography for youth ages 8 and up, 10:30 a.m. May 11 (556-1693).  
\*Pier Crabbing: 2 p.m. May 11, 25 - bait fee 50 cents (556-1693).  
\*The Stuff Forts are Made of: Explore Fort Point, 10 a.m. May 19 (556-1693).  
\*Wildflower Walk: See what's blooming on two mile hike, 2 p.m. May 4 (556-1893).  
**OCEAN BEACH**  
\*Adopt-a-Beach: Clean-up Day: Bring friends and family to help clean Ocean Beach, 10:30 a.m. May 19 (556-8642).  
**PRESIDIO**  
\*Back to the Future: Walking tour of the Presidio, 10 a.m. May 4, 18, 25; 1 p.m. May 18, 26 (561-4323).  
\*Cemetary Walk: 2 p.m. May 4, 7, 11, 27 (561-4323).  
\*Dialogues: Art & Ecology: Workshop discusses value of combining science of restoration with art of creative writing, 9:30 a.m. May 4 (668-9765).  
\*Don't Need No 609: Explore Cressy Field and its role in early aviation history, 10 a.m. May 11 (561-4323).  
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\*The Last Gun: Demonstration of the last operational gun of its kind, 10 a.m. May 4, 5 (561-4323).  
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\*Nature Past: California's early explorer in the natural world, 1 p.m. May 11 (561-4323).  
\*Pedaling the Presidio: Bike ride through the Presidio, 10 a.m. May 18, 26 (561-4323).  
\*Streets of the Presidio: Learn about the names behind the streets, 1 p.m. May 25 (561-4323).  
\*Terms of Endangerment: Learn about endangered species in hike and slide show, 1 p.m. May 19 (561-4323).  
\*A Walk on the Wild Side: Learn about plants, animals and geology, 10 a.m. May 18; 1 p.m. May 5 (561-4323).  
\*Women of the Presidio: Learn their stories during one mile hike, 1 p.m. May 12 (561-4323).  
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\*Tour the Ruins: 11 a.m. May 11 (556-8642).  
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Why Recycle Paper?

By David Assmann  
S.F. Recycling Program  
Every once in a while, I get asked why it's important to recycle paper. "It's good for the environment," the questioner usually asks, "but is there any other reason to recycle paper?"

There are actually a number of reasons why paper recycling is beneficial. First of all, by recycling large amounts of paper, we are helping to preserve natural resources for future generations. Even though paper comes from trees, a resource that can be renewable, our forests are disappearing. Only five percent of the virgin (never cut) forests in the U.S. remain intact (Brazil, on the other hand, still has 80 percent of its original tropical rainforests). Less than 10 percent of the forest that once stretched from northern California to the Canadian border has been left intact. We've lost more than 30 million acres of timberland since 1962 and we'll lose another 25 million acres in the next 45 years.

Unless we take action to help preserve some of those resources, through recycling, our children, and their children, will inherit a country with far fewer natural resources. Today, almost half of all cut trees end up as paper. And this number is increasing. According to the U.S. Forest Service, the demand for wood for paper will grow by 25 percent by the end of the decade.

Recycling paper can have a dramatic impact on tree cutting. If 45 percent of our paper came from recycled paper, we could save 2.5 billion cubic feet of timber (and millions of trees) a year by 2040.

Secondly, recycling paper reduces the burden of landfill space. Paper is, by far, the largest single component of our waste stream. Nationwide, it takes up to 40 percent of landfill

space, and here in San Francisco, 35 percent of all the waste we generate is paper. That adds up to over 350,000 tons of paper every year in San Francisco. And although we recycle a lot of it, we still send more than 200,000 tons of paper to our landfill every year.

For every additional ton of paper we recycle, we will save 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space.

Landfill space is a precious commodity. And when our current allotment of landfill space fills up, we will be paying more for new space. By recycling, we can help save some of this space, and keep our garbage bills lower.

Thirdly, paper is a resource that we shouldn't throw away after a single use. A study by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency showed that for every ton of recycled paper we use instead of virgin paper, we save 4,100 kilowatt hours of energy (that's enough to power the average home for six months), conserve 7,000 gallons of water, and keep 60 pounds of pollutants out of the air.

To put paper recycling in perspective, if all the paper waste generated in San Francisco was recycled back into paper, we would save almost 1.5 billion kilowatt hours of energy (more than enough to power every home in the City for six months!), as well as saving 2.5 billion gallons of water. We would also keep 21 million pounds of pollutants out of the atmosphere.

Since the pulp and paper industry is the third largest polluting industry in the country, reducing pollution by recycling paper has a significant positive impact on the environment.

Making recycled paper is less expensive than making virgin paper. A recent study found that large mills using recycled fiber cost between 18 and 39 percent less to operate than mills using virgin fiber. The savings come from lower energy and raw materials

costs and, in some cases, from lower capital costs. Recycling also creates more jobs than producing paper from trees.

Finally, recycling paper will help the City of San Francisco meet a state requirement to reduce waste by 50 percent by the year 2000.

And if you want to help reduce paper waste, remember the following steps:

\*Use only as much paper as you need. Use both sides of writing paper. Reuse paper bags, wrapping paper, cardboard boxes and other paper.

\*Recycle as much paper as possible. If every San Francisco resident recycled an additional two pieces of junk mail a day, it would add up to 10 million pounds a year.

\*But recycled paper. We need a market for the paper that has been recycled. So look for recycled writing paper, and look for the recycled symbol on paper packaging.

For more information, call the San Francisco Recycling Program's hotline at 554-6193.

Croatian Children's Art Exhibit Extended in May

The International Children's Art Museum (ICAM) is extending through May 10 an exhibition of artwork by children of Croatia. As part of an art and cultural exchange program entitled *Paintbrush Diplomacy*, ICAM has worked with Antun Gustav Matos Elementary School in Croatia's capital, Zagreb, in making this unique exhibit possible.

Mostly all of the students from ages 11 to 14 are refugees of the war that ravaged Croatia. Each artist in his or her distinct way shows, from a child's point of view, impression of the war in their occupied homeland.

Located in Suite 103 of the World Trade Center (Ferry Building), the International Children's Art Museum is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Free Senior Prom

All senior citizens are invited to the 17th annual *Senior Citizens' Senior Prom* to be held Wednesday, May 8, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the San Francisco County Fair Building on Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way. Featured will be dancing to live music of the Maury Wolohan Band, prizes and a dance contest. All seniors are eligible for a free drawing and admission is free. For information, call 666-7205.

Crossword Solution  
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"Little Vis" Samoan Dancers Meet Mayor



Mayor Willie Brown greeted the dancers.

Visitation Valley Elementary School Samoan Dancers performed February 29 at Moscone Center for Mayor Willie Brown. Invited by community leader Sulu Palega, seven Samoan girls and boys joined hundreds of youth and adults, including many city officials and leaders, in paying tribute to Mayor Brown for his past contributions to San Francisco as speaker of the California Assembly.

Samoan dances taught by instructor Sharon Castillo were an instant hit at Moscone Center. These dancers were also invited to perform at other schools, including El Dorado Elementary and Balboa High School. On their way to Broadway!???



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Exercise and Activity Lessen Pain of Arthritis

*Stay Active* is a message the Arthritis Foundation wants nearly 40 million Americans with the painful disease to hear during May, which is National Arthritis Month. Studies have shown regular exercise can help arthritic people lessen fatigue, build stronger muscles and bones, increase energy, flexibility and stamina, and improve general health and sense of well-being. After two to three months of exercising, most people with arthritis also report less pain, anxiety and depression.

Arthritis Foundation recommends the first step towards successfully managing the disease is to see a doctor. It is important to identify the type of arthritis since there are more than 100 forms of the disease.

Once a specific form of arthritis is identified, a treatment program - most often consisting of medication, rest, exercise and joint protection - can greatly reduce pain and increase use of the joints.

After seeing a doctor, the next step

is to learn as much as possible about arthritis and how it is treated. Brochures and referral services are available at Arthritis Foundation by calling 673-6882 or (800) 464-6240.

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Turn your fruit, vegetable and yard trimmings into a rich soil for your garden and house plants by composting them. Learn how to compost in small indoor and outdoor settings by attending a free hands-on urban composting workshop, 10 a.m. to 12 noon on May 4 and 11, or 2 to 4 p.m. on May 5.

Workshops are conducted by the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG), to be held at its Garden for the Environment located in the Sunset district at 7th Avenue and Lawton Street. An additional Cantonese workshop will be taking place at Alloto Park, 29th and Capp streets on May 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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This Month  
In S.F. History

MAY  
1: In 1974, Muni inaugurated the Fast Pass, providing unlimited access to its buses and streetcars.  
2: In 1923, the Embarcadero Subway, a two-lane underground built to speed traffic by the Ferry Building, was completed. Also that day, the original Kezar Stadium, built in part with a donation from a generous donor, first opened its gates.  
3: In 1950, an early morning fire burned a large portion of the City's business district, causing nearly \$5 million in damages. In 1951, exactly one year later, an even larger fire started at 11 p.m. in a paint store, burning almost 2,000 structures in 10 hours, and causing losses in excess of \$11 million. Remarkably, the DeWitt and Harrison warehouse was spared with

the use of 80,000 gallons of vinegar.

5: Failing financially in his attempt to publish a penny tabloid, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr. closed his San Francisco Illustrated Daily Herald in 1926.

9: In 1956, the S.F. Chamber of Commerce was organized.

9: In 1882, the Telegraph Hill Railroad Company was established. Three counter-balance cars operated on a three-block single-track line with turnouts on Greenwich St. from Powell St. to an observatory atop Telegraph Hill. In 1958, the last of Muni's two-man streetcars made their final runs, replaced the next day by newer one-man PCC streetcars.

11: In 1855, the El Dorado, largest and most respected gaming house in the City, closed its doors upon passage of anti-gambling state legislation.  
14: In 1856, James King of William, outspoken editor of the Evening Bulletin, was shot to death in a duel with James Casey, publisher of the Sunday Times, in one of the most famous altercations in S.F. history. Casey, perturbed by a Bul-

latin item identifying him as a one-time Sing-Sing inmate, was executed by vigilantes eight days later.

16: In 1972, Metropolitan Gas Company street lamps were first lit.

23: In 1956, the World Trade Center, located in the Ferry Building, was dedicated.

24: In 1997, pedestrians packed the Golden Gate Bridge - closed to motor vehicle traffic for several hours - in celebration of its 50th birthday.

25: In 1940, the Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island opened its second season. In 1948, San Franciscans received their very first telecast.

26: In 1959, a plaque dedication honoring John Geary, the first mayor of San Francisco, was held in Union Square, an event marking the downtown park's dedication as a state historical landmark.

27: In 1954, a mannequin line was completed from Fort Point to the downtown area. In 1937, after four years of construction, thousands of pedestrians crossed the newly built Golden Gate Bridge on its opening day.



## Historic Proportions

Match clues to their answers.

1959

1. On January 3, this territory becomes the 49th state.
2. Now a collector's classic, this car was known as a colossal flop.
3. College students started doing this stunt.
4. World Series champs.



## Boz Who?

Match quotes with speakers.

1. "Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind."
  2. "The weak are more likely to make the strong weak than the strong are likely to make the weak strong."
  3. "A man's got to take a lot of punishment to write a real funny book."
  4. "My sole inspiration is a telephone call from a director."
  5. "A lawyer with his briefcase can steal more than a hundred men with guns."
  6. "Space is almost infinite. As a matter of fact, we think it is infinite."
  7. "Tis an ill cook that cannot lick his own fingers."
  8. "Man's real life is happy, chiefly because he is ever expecting that it soon will be so."
  9. "We have so many people who can't see a fat man standing beside a thin one without coming to the conclusion that the fat man got that way by taking advantage of the thin one!"
- A. Ernest Hemingway  
B. Dan Quayle  
C. Mario Puzo  
D. Marlene Dietrich  
E. Cole Porter  
F. Ronald Reagan  
G. William Shakespeare  
H. Rudyard Kipling  
I. Edgar Allan Poe

ANSWERS: 1-H; 2-D; 3-A; 4-E; 5-C; 6-B; 7-G; 8-I; 9-F

## Book Review

*Streets of San Francisco* by Louis K. Loewenstein [Wilderness Press, Berkeley, CA; 1996] 136 pgs.; paper; \$9.95.

From its beginning as the Spanish village of El Paraje de Yerba Buena ("the place of the good herb") to the present-day metropolitan city, San Francisco has always been a place of dynamic change with a rich cultural heritage, and street names of this fascinating city provide insights into its intriguing history.

In this updated third edition of *Streets of San Francisco: Origins of Street and Place Names* published by Wilderness Press, derivations of the City's street names as well as origins of names of many of the Bay Area's well known landmarks reflect the vibrancy of the City's past and present.

Streets acquired their names for a variety of reasons, such as honoring a prominent person, commemorating an important event or describing an attribute of a street's location (such as Lakeshore Drive along the shoreline of Lake Merced).

A few of the streets in this book are:  
\* *Green Street*: Talbot H. Green was a leading San Francisco merchant who became wealthy in the late 1840s. While he was running for mayor, Green was identified as Paul Geddes, an embezzler who had left his wife and children in the East. He immediately left for the East, claiming he could disprove the charge of embezzlement. He never did, but he was taken back by his family, and he repaid the funds in question.  
\* *Pleasant Street*: Mary Ellen (Mammy) Pleasant was an African American woman who came to San Francisco around 1849. She ran a boarding and bawdy house and used her money to aid runaway slaves and other struggling blacks.  
\* *Bertie Minor Lane*: The Bertie Minor was a three-masted schooner built in 1864. The street is located in a housing project sponsored by the Longshoremen's Union.  
\* *North Beach*: The name originated in the 1850s when a finger of the Bay extended far inland between Telegraph and Russian hills. The neighborhood along this sunny stretch of shore was called North Beach. Due to infilling, the Bay no longer comes this far inland.

Louis Loewenstein is a retired professor of urban studies who taught at San Francisco State University and Stanford University. He is also the author of several books on urban problems.

*Streets of San Francisco* is available by calling (800) 443-7227.

5. Champions of the NBA.

6. Starting October 15, they were constantly raiding places.

7. He was singing *Mack the Knife*.

8. Actor Edd Byrnes portrayed this cool guy.

9. On February 12, a new flipside for these.

10. Cuba comes under the power of this man.

11. On September 12, the Cartwrights rode into viewers living rooms.

12. Best Actor in a Series at the Emmy Awards.

13. On August 21 we get state number 50.

14. Choo Choo Charlie was pushing this.

15. Best Picture at the Academy Awards.

16. Starting October 2, people could enter "another dimension."

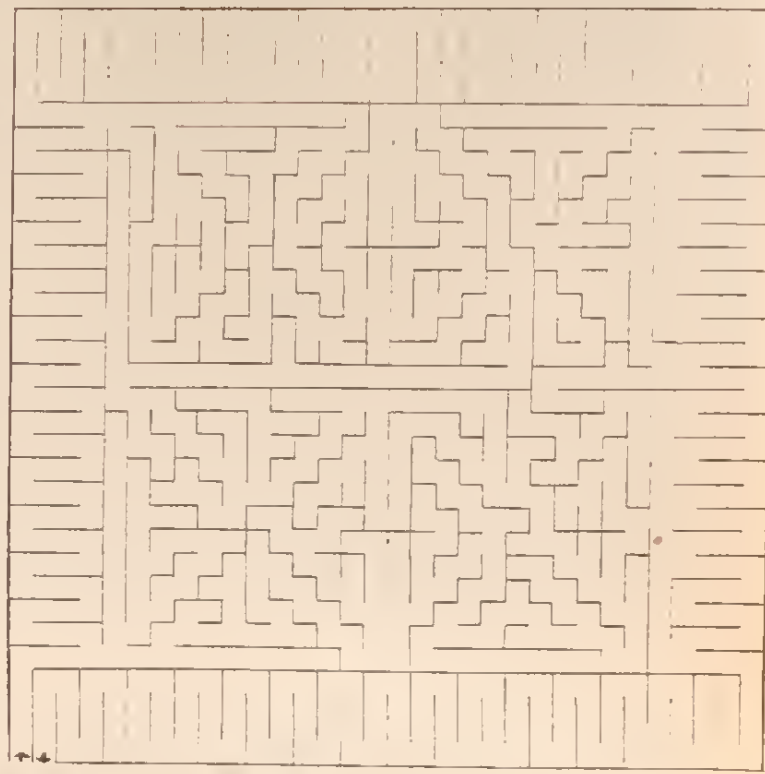
17. He was zipping around in a

chariot in *Ben-Hur*.

18. A new soft drink from the Coca-Cola people.

- A. Boston Celtics  
B. Bobby Darin  
C. Bonanza  
D. The Untouchables  
E. Gigi  
F. Edsel  
G. Good & Plenty  
H. Hawaii  
I. Raymond Burr  
J. Fanta  
K. Twilight Zone  
L. Telephone booth stuffing  
M. Los Angeles Dodgers  
N. Kookie  
O. Alaska  
P. Charlton Heston  
Q. Lincoln head cents  
R. Fidel Castro

## MINUTE MAZE



## SUMP, THE GRUMP By Jackie Holder

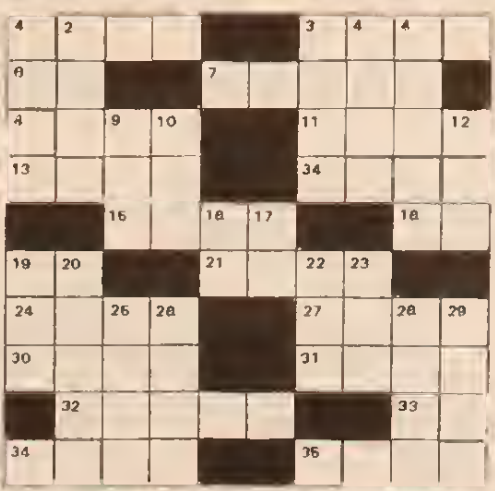


## Famous Birthdays



- MAY  
1: Fred Astaire (1899); Betty Comden (1919); Calamity Jane (1925); Scott Carpenter (1925); Rita Coolidge (1945); Glenn Ford (1916); Bobcat Goldthwait (1962); Joseph Heller (1923); Gary Owens (1935); Jack Paar (1919); Max C. Robinson (1939); George Strail (1952); Nancy Walker (1921)  
2: Ted Bessell (1935); Jon Bon Jovi (1962); Catherine the Great (1729); Bing Crosby (1904); Lesbia Gore (1948); Englebert Humperdinck (1936); Lorenzo Muscat (1937); Or. Benjamin Spock (1903)  
3: Mary Astor (1906); Mal Elanc (1908); James Brown (1933); Stapin Fetchit (1937); Clint Walker (1927)  
4: Maynard Ferguson (1929); Audrey Hepburn (1929); Horace Mann (1798); Roberta Paters (1930); Randy Travis (1959); George Will (1941); Pia Zadora (1958)  
5: Nellie Bly (1887); Pat Carroll (1927); Ann E. Davis (1929); Alice Faye (1915); Karl Marx (1818); Tammy Wynette (1942)  
6: Sigmund Freud (1856); Stewart Granger (1913); Rose Hunter (1924); Willie Mays (1931); Bob Seger (1945); Rudolph Valentino (1895); Oren Welles (1915)  
7: Teresa Grew (1931); Robert Browning (1912); Gary Cooper (1901); Tote Fields (1930); Gabby Hayes (1886); Archibald MacLeish (1892); Darrin McGavin (1922); Robin Strasser (1945); Peter Tchaikovsky (1840)  
8: Melissa Gilbert (1964); Garry Glitter (1940); Ovid Keith (1954); Sonny Liston (1932); Don Rickles (1926); Toni Tennille (1943); Harry S. Truman (1884)  
9: James Barne (1860); Candice Bergen (1946); John Brown (1800); Albert Finney (1936); Glenda Jackson (1936); Billy Joel (1949); Lloyd Price (1933); Tommy Roe (1943); Hank Snow (1914); Mike Wallace (1919)  
10: Fred Astaire (1899); Bono (1960); Graham Gouldman (1945); Oeue Mason (1946); Bobby Thompson (1962)  
11: Johnny Appleseed (1774); Irving Berlin (1888); Foeter Brooks (1912); Enc Burdon (1941); Louis Farrakhan (1933); Doug McClure (1935); Denver Pyle (1920); Margaret Rutherford (1902); Mort Sahl (1927); Phil Silvers (1912); Kent Taylor (1907)  
12: Burt Bacharach (1929); Yogi Berra (1925); George Carlin (1937); Ian Oury (1942); Gloria Estefan (1962); Emilio Estevez (1962); Millie Perkins (1940); Oania Rossetti (1929); Howard K. Smith (1914); Tom Snyder (1936); Steve Winwood (1948)  
13: Bea Arthur (1926); Peter Gabriel (1950); Joe Louis (1914); Slavic Wonder (1950)  
14: David Byrne (1952); Jack Bruce (1943); Bobby Oann (1936); George Lucas (1944)  
15: Eddy Arnold (1919); Joseph Cotten (1905); Conelanos Cumminge (1910); Pierre Curie (1859); Richard Oaley (1902); Terranca Trent O'Arby (1962); Brian Eno (1948); Laurie Kazan (1942); James Mason (1909)  
16: Harry Carey, Jr. (1921); Henry Fonda (1905); Janet Jackson (1966); Liberace (1919); Gabriele Sabatini (1970); Margaret Sullivan (1896)  
17: Dennis Hopper (1939); Sugar Ray Leonard (1956); Meurreon O'Sullivan (1911); Tay Mahal (1942); Debra Winger (1965)  
18: Frank Capra (1897); Perry Como (1912); Dwayna Hickman (1934); Reggie Jackson (1946); Pope John Paul II (1920); Gill Macy (1922); Robert Morse (1931); Parnall Roberts (1930)  
19: David Hartman (1937); James Fox (1939); Ovid Hartman (1935); Grace Jones (1952); Nancy Kwan (1939); Ho Chi Minh (1890); Joey Ramone (1952); Patsy Townshend (1946)  
20: Cher (1946); Joe Cocker (1944); Moshe Dayan (1915); James Stewart (1908)  
21: Raymond Burr (1917); Peggy Case (1924); Armand Hammer (1896); Robert Montgomery (1904); Alexander Pope (1688); Harold Robbins (1916); Mr. T (1952)  
22: Richard Benjamin (1938); Michael Conelatos (1927); Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859); Oumn Martin (1927); Peter Nero (1934); Sir Laurence Olivier (1907); Harry Ritz (1908); Richard Wagner (1813); Paul Winfield (1941)  
23: Barbara Barne (1931); Rosemary Clooney (1929); Joan Collins (1933); Douglas Fairbanks (1883); James Gleason (1886); Harvin Hagler (1952); Helen O'Connell (1921); Artie Shaw (1910)  
24: Roseanne Cash (1955); Tommy Chong (1938); Bob Dylan (1941); Patti Labelle (1944); Pricilla Praelay (1946); Queen Victoria of England (1819)  
25: Claude Akiris (1919); Dixie Carter (1939); Jeanne Crain (1925); Miles Davis (1926); Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803); John Gabriel (1931); Tom T. Hall (1936); Connie Sellecca (1955); Beverly Sills (1929); Gene Tunney (1898); Leslie Uggams (1943); Karan Valentine (1947)  
26: Ben Alexander (1911); James Arness (1923); Peter Cushing (1913); Al Jolson (1888); Peggy Lee (1920); Stevie Nicks (1948); Jay Silvarheele (1922); John Wayne (1907); Hank Williams, Jr. (1949)  
27: Clint Black (1962); Todd Oldgore (1985); Louis Gossett, Jr. (1936); Wild Bill Hickok (1837); Henry Kissinger (1923); Christopher Lee (1922); Lee Meriwether (1935); Vincent Price (1911); Sam Snead (1912); Bruce Weitz (1943)  
28: Carroll Baker (1931); Dionne quintuplets (1934); Ian Fleming (1909); Beth Howland (1941); Gladys Knight (1944); Jim Thorpe (1888); Martha Vickers (1926)  
29: Patrick Henry (1736); Bob Hope (1903); Stacy Keach (1914); John F. Kennedy (1917)  
30: Mel Blanc (1909); Benny Goodman (1909); LaToya Jackson (1966)  
31: Don Ameche (1908); Tom Berenger (1950); Clint Eastwood (1930); Gregory Harrison (1950); Jack Holl (1868); Joe Namath (1943); Johnny Paycheck (1941); Norman Vincent Peale (1898); Grooka Shialda (1965); Lee Thompson (1961); Walt Whitman (1919); Peter Yarrow (1938)

## GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD Solution on Page 5

- ACROSS  
1. Happy  
3. Bears  
6. Each (ab)  
7. Rank  
8. Speck  
11. Deceased  
13. Nevada city  
14. Calm  
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11. Clean  
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16. Among



17. Cerum  
19. Sandwich  
20. Spooky  
22. Fluid  
23. Attempt  
25. Female  
28. Lather  
29. Mollusk  
29. Pile

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>City Meetings: Aging-1st Wed 9:30 am; Airport-1st &amp; 3rd Tu 3 pm; Arts-1st Mon 3 pm; Education-2nd/4th Tu 7 pm; Health-1st/3rd Tu 3 pm; Housing Authority-2nd/4th Tu 4 pm; Human Rights-1st/3rd Th 4:30 pm; Library-1st Tu 5:30 pm; Planning-Th 1:30 pm; Police-Wed 5:30 pm; Port-1st Tu/3rd Wed 4:30 pm; Public Utilities-2nd/4th Tu 2 pm; Rec and Park-3rd Th 2 pm; Social Services-4th Th 9:30 am; Statue of Women-4th Th 4pm; Supervisors-Mon 2 pm.</p>			<p>1 Sign up for SYBETP Summer Jobs NOW! call Leanne @ 467-6400</p>	<p>2 11:00am VVCC Senior Council Meeting 7:00pm ROBBIS meeting</p>	<p>3 12:00pm VVCC Seniors Painting Classes</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 1:00pm VVCC Bingo</p>	<p>6 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day</p>	<p>7 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 READY FOR WORK PROGRAM call Chandra @ 467-6400</p>	<p>10 12:00pm VVCC Seniors Painting Classes</p>	<p>11 VVCC Annual Meeting &amp; Elections</p>
<p>12  Mother's Day</p>	<p>13 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day</p>	<p>14 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo 4:30pm Sharydella Tanaka Meet 7:00pm El Dorado N.B.C. Meeting</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 9:30am City College Sewing Classes every Thurs at VVCC</p>	<p>17 12:00pm VVCC Seniors Painting Classes</p>	<p>18 10:00am Visitation Valley Arts Festival &amp; Street Fair Armed Forces Day</p>
<p>19 1:00pm VVCC Bingo</p>	<p>20 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day</p>	<p>21 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 9:00am USDA Surplus Food Distribution Day at VVCC</p>	<p>24 12:00pm VVCC Seniors Painting Classes</p>	<p>25 10:00am Vis Valley Task Force at 50 Raymond</p>
<p>26 1:00pm VVCC Bingo</p>	<p>27 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day  Memorial Day (Observed)</p>	<p>28 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 12:00pm VVCC Seniors Painting Classes</p>	

## Brochure Describes Sale of Investments at Bank Branches

For decades, consumers have been told that bank accounts are federally insured. This belief is reinforced every time customers pass the FDIC seal on a bank door.

But now, investments such as mutual funds and annuities - which are not federally insured - are widely available at bank branches, sold by investment companies. This has led to reports of confusion among customers, some of whom may believe that all financial products offered within bank branches are insured by the federal government.

To educate potential investors on this important distinction before they invest, Consumer Action has prepared a free brochure titled *Risks and Rewards: Investments Available at Bank Branches*, a publication intended to help people understand the sale of mutual funds and other investments available from investment representatives based inside bank branches.

Available in Chinese, English, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese, the brochure is available by sending a business-size, self-addressed,

stamped envelope (32 cents) to Consumer Action, *Risks and Rewards*, 118 New Montgomery St., Suite 233, San Francisco, CA 94105, indicating language desired.

Mutual funds and other investments are now sold at branches of 3,500 banks, usually through bank-affiliated brokerage companies. Although checking and savings accounts at banks are insured for up to \$100,000, mutual funds and other investments offered by affiliates of those same institutions have no such insurance protection.

However, studies by government agencies, consumer groups and industry organizations indicate not all consumers understand that investments made through bank-based representatives are not insured by the government against losses arising from market fluctuations. This has led to purchase of investment products by customers who later said they did not fully understand the risks involved.

*Risks and Rewards* explains that investments:

\*Are not federally insured - even if

sold by an investment company located in your bank.

\*Involve risk - including the risk of losing some of the original money invested or not gaining as much return as expected.

\*Have costs such as fees, sales charges and commissions that reduce overall returns.

The brochure also points out that required disclosures must be given to potential investors - including a written description of the investment and all costs associated with it. And it identifies the possible benefits of investments, such as helping consumers attain long-term financial goals and the potential for earnings that will exceed the rate of inflation.

"Some consumers, especially seniors and people with limited English, may not understand that mutual funds sold by a bank affiliate are not federally insured and that the money they have invested can go down daily," said Consumer Action's Ken McEl-downey. "The *Risks and Rewards* brochure is a unique effort in that it brings together the resources of a consumer group and a financial institution to help consumers make intelligent, informed choices on investing."

### GOOD CREDIT BROCHURE

*Establishing Good Credit*, a new free educational brochure recently released by Consumer Action, Sprint and SER-Jobs for Progress - a national job training organization based in Texas - explains the importance of good credit. It provides ways that consumers can establish good credit for the first time or rebuild a damaged credit record while touching on reasons for having a good credit history:

\*Utilities such as phone, electric, gas, heating oil, water and cable TV companies may waive cash deposits for customers with good credit.

\*Many landlords screen potential renters by checking their credit reports.

Call (800) 278-6045 for instructions on how to receive this free brochure.

## McLaren Reservoir

From Page 1

Such resource speakers as Julie Ortiz, Karen Kubic, Lt. Tom Murray of the S.F. Fire Department and a half-dozen more were unanimous in their assessment of the issues.

"Unknown to many people is the repeated use of dirty, smelly and, perhaps, bacteria carrying water in fire fighting," said Lt. Murray. "We in the fire department have to use such water which comes from the ocean because the water from Hetch Hetchy is not enough for our purposes, while the waste water from the ocean is available."

In the Recycled Water Master Plan draft, two alternative sites in McLaren Park have been identified as potential locations for the underground reservoir. One site is located near the intersection of John Shelley Drive and Mansell Street. The other is located right on Shelley Drive near a parking lot just above an existing open reservoir. Interestingly enough, the two proposed reservoirs can easily hold 15 million gallons of water.

That 15 million gallon of recycled water in the reservoirs will reduce the demand on the Hetch Hetchy from 240 to 300 million gallons of po-



Lt. Tom Uray of the S.F. Fire Department explained function of the proposed new piping system.

table water daily piped into the City.

The City of San Francisco will finance this ambitious recycled water program by floating bonds. Julie Ortiz told the Grapevine. Voter approval is needed during a special election to be held in 1997.

Ortiz, a public affairs project manager, was one of several principal speakers during the Friends of McLaren Park session on April 20 at Ingleside Police Station. Her firm has been deeply involved in planning, governmental process, communications and community relations.

## Safe Lead Levels Recorded in March At 10 Parks in Bayview - Hunters Point

Responding to a City mandate directing the Department of Public Health to identify and inform the public about lead hazards to young children from open lots and other non-housing sites in San Francisco, safe topsoil samples from 10 Recreation and Park sites in Bayview Hunters Point (BVHP) have been released. BVHP was selected as the pilot project area because of the a high number of known contaminants and hazardous waste sites in the community, including two Superfund sites.

All 49 samples collected for lead analysis contained concentrations less than or equal to the amount of lead expected in an urban environment such as San Francisco. Additionally, all lead in soil results were well below the EPA Action Level of 400 parts per million (ppm), a figure developed for areas where children play in bare, unplanted soil.

Soil samples were gathered by staff of the Department's Childhood Lead Prevention Program (CLPP) during March at: Bayview Playground, Gillman Playground, Hilltop Park, India Basin (soon to be opened), Joseph Lee Playground, Milton Meyer Recreation Center, Palou-Phelps Mini-park, Selby-Pelou Mini-park, Silver Terrace and Youngblood-Coleman.

Surface soil sampling was performed using standard protocols. Sampling at nine of the 10 parks included sandy play areas with jungle gym type equipment. These play ar-

reas are the likely places where children spend most of their time and could potentially have direct contact with lead-contaminated dirt and dust. No lead hazard was found in any of these sandy play areas.

The highest value found was 250 ppm at the Selby-Palou Mini park, followed by 160 ppm found at Milton Meyer Recreation Center. Neither of these parks are considered to pose a lead hazard to children due to the relatively low concentration of lead and good ground cover, which significantly reduces the potential for children's exposure.

Lead is a poison that can affect children's health and potential learning ability. Young children, who are especially vulnerable to lead poisoning, are usually exposed to lead from touching contaminated surfaces and later placing their hands or other objects in their mouths. Contamination can be caused by damaged or disturbed lead-based paint, both inside and outside of the home. If soil is covered with plants, rocks and other ground cover, children will have less contact with dirt and the lead in it. Lead in soil also comes from past use of leaded gasoline, an additive that has nearly disappeared, thanks to environmental regulations.

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have to work very hard for your toys; sometimes you think you're working for the machines instead of the machines working for you. There is much pressure to produce ... Anyway, it's another misconception that all North Americans are well off. In San Francisco, which is one of the richest cities, there are people living in the streets begging for money and food. The streets aren't paved with gold."

"That may be true; but don't tell me the poverty is nearly as bad as in most of the countries of South America. The United States is one of the most, if not the most, advanced industrial societies of the world ... Anyway, I see nothing wrong with working hard for the good things of life. That's the way it should be."

"That's it! What I'm trying to explain to you. You just said it."

"What?"

"Things, man! Things! Working hard for things. This is the mentality I was trying to escape by leaving the United States."

Fernando shook his head. "I don't understand. What's wrong with nice things? They enhance the quality of life."

"Yes, certainly they do ... but you pay a price. Too high a price for me."

"Like I said, I don't see anything wrong with working hard."

"I'm not only talking about that - although the work in general is very demanding."

"Then what?"

"To be successful, as the word is defined in the United States, you have to sacrifice much of your individuality."

You have to subliminate yourself to the system and not ask too many questions - even when you think something is stupid - if you want to get ahead."

"So what? That's like anywhere. You can't have everyone doing whatever they want."

"All right, fine," I said. "Like anywhere. But in some places more than others. At least in Colombia I'm not bombarded with propaganda to the extent I am in my country. I supposed because Colombia's not as organized and efficient - yet."

"Propaganda?"

"Yes, advertising, that sort of thing. Commercials depicting the good life. Measure your personal value by what you own, not by what you are. To me it's a joke. But that's where the emphasis is. Everything and everyone is a commodity. Learn to sell yourself - that's the motto."

"Well, if you don't like that system, you don't have to follow it. At least your country is free and gives you the opportunity to make a choice. In many places one doesn't have that luxury."

"Listen, Fernando, in my country, if you don't follow the system, you're not likely to survive. There is tremendous pressure to conform ... Ah, it's no use. I can't explain it to you; you would have to go and live there and see for yourself. Maybe it would be a paradise for you ... I'm not trying to tell you the United States is a bad place; it has many good things. I'm just trying to give you an idea of the reality as compared to the image."

"You're speaking strangely for an American. My image of the United States is that it's the country of hopes and dreams for many people all over the world."

"Sure, of course, the image is that. The Statue of Liberty and such ... The rags to riches immigrants. But what about the other side of the story? What about the failures? My neighborhood was full of them. The country has major problems - crime, drug addiction, racism, violence, industrial pollution. That's also part of the story. You don't just live there and make money and but things and live happily ever after."

Fernando appeared lost in thought.

"What do you think, Fernando?"

"Well, wherever you have people there will always be problems. Adam and Eve screwed up paradise. Problems are relative. I think the United States has less than most other countries."

I chuckled. "Yes, and some that other countries can't even imagine. But why say more? You'll get a taste of an advanced industrial society when you get to Europe. See what you think. It should be different, but not too different from my country."

"So it's modern civilization that bothers you."

"Certain aspects of it bother me. I already told you a few of them."

"What do you propose to take its place?"

"For everyone?"

"Yes, for everyone."

"I propose nothing. I'm no genius to try to run other people's lives. I merely propose that people think for themselves and respect the ideas and ways of life of others - within reason ... Anyway, the world will take care of itself. If modern civilization continues to evolve as it is, maybe the world will drown in its own garbage. Then we can start over."

"Man, you talk like there is no hope for the world. How can you live with such a negative attitude?"

"Is it negative to think about problems and accept them, and try to deal with them? Or is it negative to ignore them and pretend everything is fine, or it's better here than there? You tell me."

"So what are you saying? Who has the answer?"

I laughed mirthlessly. "What I'm saying is that I don't think any one person or any one system has the answer for everyone. To me, that's the biggest problem. Too many people think they have the answer and they want to impose it on everyone else. Instead of taking care of their own life. For example, look at Hitler - he thought he had all the answers. And the shame of it is that many people believed him."

"What about the Soviet Union and communism?"

"I don't know. I've never been there or lived under that regimen. But if they truly preach blind obedience to the state, I wouldn't want anything to do with it. When the system becomes more important than the people it's supposed to serve, it becomes dangerous. Any system. Or any one person ... I hate all fanatic nationalists or fanatic religious people, regardless of whatever label they use to serve themselves. They use slogans and statistics to manipulate people for their own ends in order to attain an historical niche for themselves. It doesn't suit my temperament to just go along be-

cause some power crazy fool says it's right for everyone. If that's the case, it might as well be a robot ... Well, what do you think?"

"There are things that are good for everyone. I believe in order and progress. Most people are untrustworthy and must be controlled at the expense of certain freedoms."

"But who makes the order? Who defines progress? ... To an Amazonian Indian your civilized paradise could be hell ... and vice versa."

Fernando shook his head. "If things were the way you wanted, all order would dissolve and anarchy would be the result. We would regress. History will take its course."

"That's for sure. History will take its course." The strong and charismatic will survive and dominate, I thought. And perhaps destroy everything to satisfy their lust and greed. Ah, the heck with it. We'll only go 'round and 'round if I say it.

Fernando was regarding me with a curious look. "How do you see yourself in all this? If you don't like organized society, how do you keep from feeling alienated?"

"Well, I do feel alienated sometimes. I don't like crowds, but I do like people ... I don't know. I'm a loner by nature. I've come to terms with myself."

"A lone wolf?"

"Yes, something like that. I've always admired wolves."

"Why?"

"Because they only take what they need and no more. And they run in packs or can stand alone ... They represent true freedom to me."

Fernando fell silent. Embarrassed by my outburst, I did the same - for a while. Time and the river slipped past. We spoke of personal impersonal subjects such as family background, friends, education and travel anecdotes. Meanwhile, our course veered and we were chugging toward the south bank. Isolated huts began appearing at irregular intervals. The boat drew closer to the shore and straightened out. Soon a town came into view. Our speed slackened. Fernando whipped out his map.

"This must be Sao Paulo do Olivenca!" he exclaimed. "I believe we're going to stop here. Now we can go and see something besides trees and water."

"What I want to see is a cold beer," I said. "Let's hope we can get one here."

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